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SUBJECT: CCMS: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PILOT STUDY

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM NATO/CCMS
COORDINATOR WARD TO DR. KAPRIO, WHO, ASAP. ORIGINAL
WITH ENCLOSURE BEING AIRMAILED TODAY.

BEGIN TEXT:

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DEAR DR. KAPRIO:

WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND WELFARE, I AM WRITING TO YOU DIRECTLY ON THE FOLLOWING
MATTER. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE AT

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) HAS BEEN ASSIGNED WORLDWIDE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM ON ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND THEIR PREVENTION.

ONE OF THE CIVILIAN COMMITTEES OF NATO, THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS), HAS CONDUCTED A VERY SUCCESSFUL PILOT STUDY ON ADVANCED HEALTH CARE WHICH TERMINATED IN 1977. ONE OF THE PROJECTS OF THAT STUDY DEALT WITH THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES(EMS)

IN PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. THAT PROJECT CAME TO AN END WITH A MEETING OF 45 EXPERTS FROM 14 COUNTRIES HELD IN MONTPELLIER, FRANCE, IN SEPTEMBER 1977. THIS PROJECT, LIKE MOST CCMS PILOT STUDIES, INVOLVED A NUMBER OF NON-NATO COUNTRIES. AT THE MONTPELLIER MEETING IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF PARTICIPANTS THAT MUCH WORK REQUIRING INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION REMAINS TO BE DONE IN THE EMS FIELD AND THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CONTINUE SEVERAL ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CCMS PROJECT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THE DRAFT REPORT (IT IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE MARCH 1978 CCMS PLENARY) WHICH PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE PROJECT LEADER, DR. WILLIAM GEMMA, OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, AND OTHER EXPERTS ARE ACQUAINTED WITH WHO'S PLANS FOR DEVELOPING UNCLASSIFIED

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A WORLDWIDE PROGRAM ON ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. THEY HAVE VIEWS ON THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROPOSED CCMS ACTIVITIES COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THAT PROGRAM AND HOW THEY COULD EVENTUALLY BE INCLUDED IN IT.

AFTER REVIEWING THE EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THERE BE FURTHER WORK IN THE EMS AREA THROUGH THE CCMS PILOT STUDY MECHANISM, PREFERABLY WITH THE COLLABORATION OF WHO STAFF, THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED THAT THE U.S. COULD SERVE AS THE LEAD COUNTRY TO CARRY OUT THE MONTPELLIER RECOMMENDATIONS IF:

(1) THE OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES CAN CARRY OUT THE OBLIGATIONS LISTED IN THE REPORT, AND

(2) WHO AGREES THAT ITS STAFF WILL, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, FOLLOW THE WORK OF THE PILOT STUDY.

IN CONNECTION WITH (1) ABOVE, THE NINE COUNTRIES INDICATING INTEREST IN FURTHER EMS WORK HAVE BEEN

REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT.
IN CONNECTION WITH (2) ABOVE, I AM NOW WRITING ON BEHALF
OF THE UNITED STATES IN ITS CAPACITY AS POTENTIAL PILOT
STUDY LEADER TO ASCERTAIN IF WHO HAS SUFFICIENT INTEREST
IN SEEING THE PROPOSED EMS WORK TAKE PLACE TO OFFER
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ADVICE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDY
PLAN AND TO OBSERVE THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WITH A VIEW TO
CONSIDERING INCLUSION OF THE EMS EFFORT IN THE 1980
WORK PROGRAM.

I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU ABOUT WHO
INTEREST BY EARLY MARCH IN ORDER THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT
MAY BE PRESENTED BY THE UNITED STATES AT THE SPRING
PLENARY OF CCMS WHICH MEETS IN BRUSSELS MARCH 14-15.

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SINCERELY YOURS, SIGNED BY PAUL VON WARD, UNITED
STATES COORDINATOR FOR NATO/CCMS ACTIVITIES

ENCLOSURE (MAILED WITH LETTER)

CC: DR. HERBERT ACUNA, DIRECTOR, PAHO, WASHINGTON, D.C.
END TEXT.

2. FYI: STATE/IO BUREAU AND HEW OFFICIALS ADVISED THAT
LETTER BE SENT TO KAPRIO INSTEAD OF DIRECTLY TO SECRETARY
GENERAL AS EARLIER RECOMMENDED IN MONTPELLIER REPORT. VANCE

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